

THE CGIAR FUND

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CGIAR Fund: More Value for Money

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What is the CGIAR Fund?

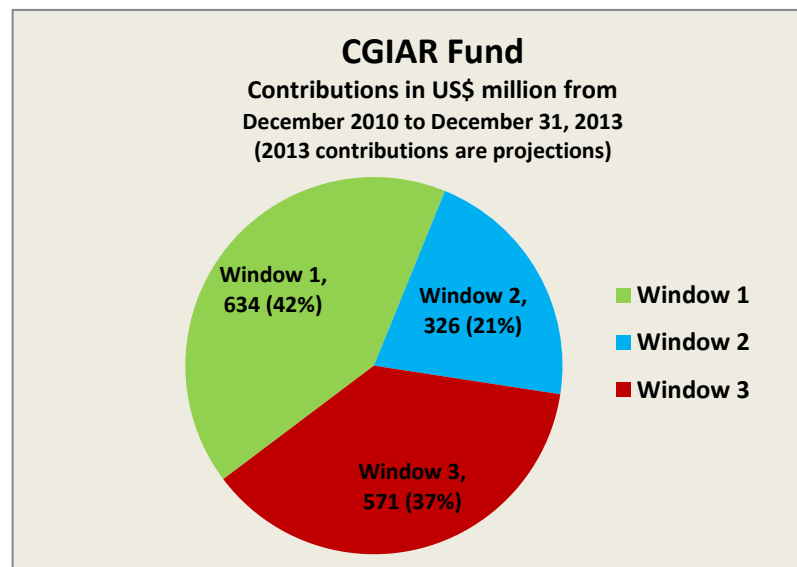
The CGIAR Fund is the largest public vehicle for financing the agricultural research advances needed to meet the food challenges of the 21st century and forge a world free of poverty and hunger. The multi-donor Fund, established in 2010, finances research that is carried out by a Consortium of 15 international agricultural research centers, working closely with hundreds of partners worldwide, through a portfolio of CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs). Its objectives are to provide stable and reliable multi-year funding to enable long-term delivery of research, based on agreed priorities, and to ensure disbursement of funds in a timely and predictable fashion.

How the Fund Works

Through its applied research, CGIAR seeks to alleviate human suffering and ensure everyone's right to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food. This goal, shared by our partners, requires a coordinated, innovative, and results-oriented approach to investing in agricultural research. Before receiving funding, CGIAR Research Programs set out their expected achievements and provide verifiable targets against which progress can be measured and monitored. By linking funding to results, the CGIAR Fund creates a "compact" between donors and researchers to finance and implement programs that generate critical development outcomes, which have been vetted and agreed on through a participatory process.

To maximize coordination and harmonization of funding, donors to CGIAR are encouraged to channel their resources through the CGIAR Fund, which is held in trust by the World Bank. The Fund is governed by the Fund Council, a representative body of Fund donors and other stakeholders that makes decisions about the use of funds. Donors to the Fund may designate their contributions to one or more of three funding windows. Contributions to Window 1 are the least restricted, leaving to the Fund Council how these funds are allocated to CRPs, used to pay system costs or otherwise applied to achieving CGIAR's mission. Contributions to Window 2 are designated by Fund Donors to specific research programs. Contributions to Window 3 are allocated by Fund Donors to CGIAR Centers.

State of the Fund



This graph provides a broad, three-year picture of the Fund's status since its establishment in December 2010. While the state of the Fund fluctuates over time in response to changing contribution patterns by donors, clear trends emerge.

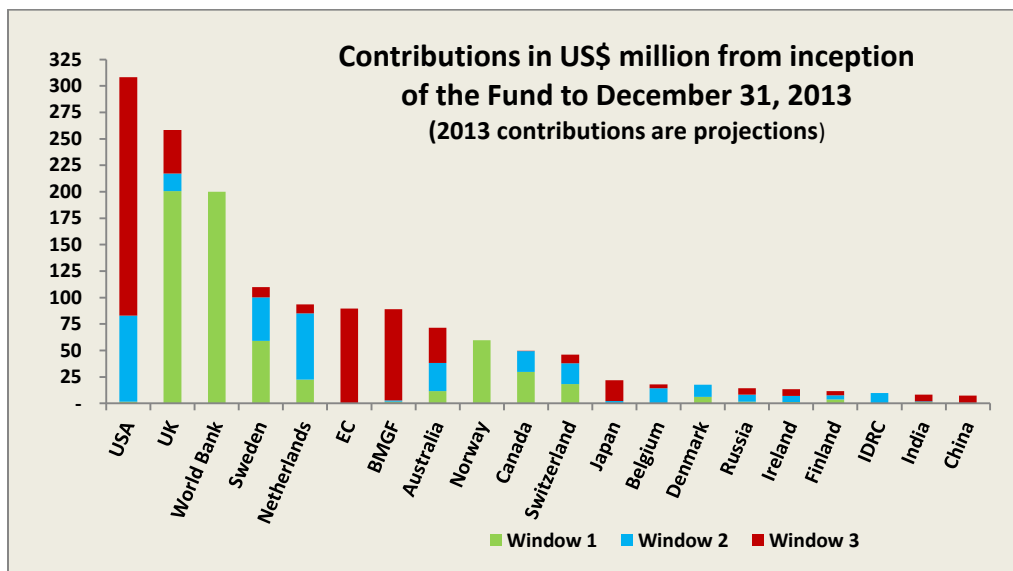
As the graph shows, the majority of contributions (63% when Windows 1 and 2 are combined) are in the form of untied aid, indicating a commitment to a multilateral approach to funding.

Benefits of Investing through the CGIAR Fund

Contributing to the Fund is not only the most effective way for donors to support the CGIAR, it's also very efficient. Once donors have signed a Contribution Agreement (CA), providing supplemental funding is done by simply amending the original CA. By streamlining the funding process and reducing transaction costs, the CGIAR Fund ensures that every dollar received will efficiently deliver more and better impacts for the poor. And there are many more benefits to investing in the Fund:

- High-quality research assured through three independent bodies that conduct science reviews, evaluations, and impact assessments, as well as through the rigorous assessment of research proposals prior to approval
- Effective management of research, cost-efficient resource use, and value for money assured through legally binding performance contracts between the CGIAR Fund and the CGIAR Consortium
- Participation in CGIAR decision-making at the Funders Forum, which is held biennially, and eligibility for membership in the Fund Council, which allocates funds on behalf of all donors
- Financial statements of Fund performance provided regularly by the Fund Office
- Greater donor efficiency through use of the above Fund services, which eliminate the need for individual donors to set up and manage their own reporting, evaluations, and impact studies
- The CGIAR's more than 40 years of experience and impressive achievements in agricultural research innovation for development that has improved the lives of hundreds of millions
- Proven returns on investment, which have a multiplier effect that mobilizes at least nine dollars more food for every dollar invested
- Advancing wide-ranging cutting-edge science, including the development of new crop varieties, knowledge and other global public goods that are made widely available to individuals and organizations working for sustainable agricultural development
- Fund donors can be in adherence with the agreed principles set out in the Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda on Aid Effectiveness

Top 20 Fund Donor Profiles, December 2010 to December 31, 2013



Invest Today for Food Security Tomorrow

The CGIAR is better positioned than ever before to achieve global food security, but time is not on our side. “How” and “how much” we invest in agricultural research are critically important, but “how soon” we adequately finance the pursuit of technological solutions will also determine whether everyone’s right to food is finally guaranteed.